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STATEMENT FROM GOV. EASLEY ON GRANT OFFER TO GOOGLE

Following is a statement from Gov. Mike Easley on the state Job Development Investment Grant offer made to Madras Integration LLC, an entity related to world leading Internet search engine Google Inc., at today's meeting of the state's Economic Investment Committee.

"The state has made a good offer, and we hope Google will accept it and decide to locate their facility in North Carolina. This company would provide the kind of good-paying, knowledge-based jobs that North Carolina citizens want. In addition, this kind of investment in Caldwell County would help reinvigorate an area hard hit in the past by the loss of textile jobs."

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